GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1558
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ENGRAVING MARTYRS NAMES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the names of Martyrs who sacrificed their life for the country during the past wars have not been engraved in the memorials constructed in India, whereas the British Government, just two years back had engraved the names of Indian soldiers, who sacrificed their life during the Second World War in the memorials established for them;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to engrave the names of soldiers who achieved martyrdom during the wars of 1948, 1962, 1971 and in the Kargil war, so that the future generations could remember them as the soldiers who sacrificed their life for protecting the freedom of the country;

(c) if so, the outline thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) India Gate is the only memorial at National level in which names of our martyrs upto World War-I have been inscribed.Other than this, there is presently no memorial at National level. However, there are various memorials constructed at Regimental Centres, Schools of Instructions and other places where names of martyrs of their respective regiments are inscribed.

(b) & (c): A proposal for construction of National War Memorial is pending for want of suitable land. After the land is allotted, the National War Memorial would be constructed and names of martyrs are proposed to be inscribed.

(d) Does not arise.